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Recent vehicle theft and home invasion leaves Regis students wondering what is being done to protect them

by Ysabel Martinez

One car robbery and one attempted burglary, both involving Regis students in the past month. It was Saturday, March 6, 2004 around 3:45 pm, when sophomore LaVanda Mireles caught someone breaking into her house on 49th and King.

As she entered the front door she heard a loud noise coming from her roommate's bedroom; yet no one was home. Mireles froze when she noticed the kitchen window screen knocked out. Realizing what was happening, she tried to quietly sneak out the front door but then she heard a rustle in the kitchen. She glanced around the kitchen wall and spotted a Hispanic male in his early 20's crawling into her kitchen window.

The intruder and Mireles then locked eyes. "Yeah, you better run," Mireles shouted as the intruder rushed to escape. The intruder made his escape while Mireles called the DPD. Both of Mireles roommates, Colleen Merrick and Emily Khols, rooms were raided. What



Parking Lot #3 at Regis University, where Biller's car was stolen from. photo by Dan Delaney

the burglar left behind was Merrick's cell phone, laptop and jewelry that were shoved in a pillowcase. Khol's laptop was sitting on the kitchen table packed away in its case. Mireles room was untouched.

The three roommates now take many precautions since the break-in. They keep the blinds shut, the doors

locked and double check the windows before leaving. Also, they leave a light on and music playing when no one is in the house. "My dad also gave us a baseball bat to put in our hall closet, just in case," Mireles added. When asked for advice she would give to underclassmen looking to live off campus next year, Mireles said, "Know your neighbors. Get a feel for them. Even if you find a good deal [on rent], double check that the neighborhood is not sketchy."

About a month ago, Mark Billar's '91 Toyota Camry was taken from West Hall parking lot #3. "The way that I was thinking was, maybe whoever stole my car really desperately needed it... Maybe a guy and his girlfriend or wife just had a baby and they needed the car. I'm pretty blessed in my life and if this is the worse thing that happens to me, then I should consider myself lucky," Billar stated.

The vehicle was parked two spots away from the entrance of West Hall in lot #3. After contacting his parents, the Billars went to Regis Security.

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New era of student government ushered in for 2004/2005

by Scott Shields

This year's student government elections are sure to be written down in the Regis University history books as a phenomenal example of a student's right to vote. 475 students turned out to vote. The Office of Student Government would like to thank all the candidates for a great campaign and to the Regis student body for making their voices heard.

The results are as follows for the



2004-05 Student Body President, Andy Cole.

position of Student Body President. Andrew Cole 201, Tom Deem 188, Jaime Papa 67. The following is the job description taken from the Regis University Constitution, for Cole's upcoming year. The President is responsible for all actions concerning the Executive Cabinet members in relationship to Student Government matters. The executive power of the Regis Student Body shall be vested in the President. She/he oversees the operations of the Regis Student Government, including the Executive Cabinet areas and all club and organization officers. The President supervises Student Government procedures and policies. When needed, the President shall speak on the students' behalf at events such as Orientation, Parent's Weekend, and other special events. The President will represent the Student Government on key University committees, including Board of Trustees' Committee on Student



2004-05 Vice President, Frank Haug

The results are as follows for the position of Student Body Vice-President. Frank Haug 284, JoAnn Melendez 77, Kathy Korsmo 63. Frank Haug will be responsible as the Vice-President for all actions concerning the Student Senate, including ensuring the meetings follow the description outlined in the Constitution.

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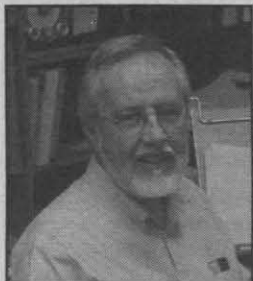


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Gibson's *Passion* as the Oldest Christian Heresy

by John F. Kane,
Professor of Religious Studies



Religious Studies
Professor John F.
Kane
photo by Dan Delaney

Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* has been described as "Braveheart theology." I agree, but would add that such theology makes for bad Christianity.

The greatest danger presented by the huge popularity of *The Passion* is not that it might contribute to the revival of anti-Semitism, though that is a legitimate concern. No; the real danger is that it will add to the present spread of severely distorted versions of Christianity, both Catholic and Evangelical. For the film's theology is not rooted in an authentic understanding of the Christian Gospel. Rather it gives contemporary expression to what is arguably the oldest Christian heresy, what scholars refer to as "Gnosticism."

I more than admit, of course, that the film has probably been a source of authentic Christian inspiration for many viewers. For much of what we take from a work of art depends on what we bring to it. I have good friends who have loved the film and been deeply moved by its portrayal of Jesus' suffering. Even the film's over-emphasis on the violent brutality of the crucifixion may serve as an important corrective to widespread "goody-goody" versions of Christianity which effectively deny the realities of sin and suffering.

Then, too, those already pre-disposed to anger and hatred will find in the film much to stoke such dispositions. And that is the great fear of our Jewish sisters and brothers, a fear deserving our serious respect and attention.

My own greatest concern, however, is with those fundamental dispositions of fear and hatred that have characterized a Gnostic kind of sensibility which has frequently reappeared in Christian (and even post-Christian) thought, feeling and imagination. Gnosticism has never been a distinct set of doctrines or a specific school of thought. Rather it is a broad current of attitudes and ideas which may even antedate Christianity. Certainly the earliest Christian writers (even in the New Testament) fought against Gnostic tendencies as they sought to understand the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Nor is it surprising that some contemporary Christian scholars are returning (unwisely, I think) to Gnostic ideas as they seek a more liberated form of Christian understanding. For Gnosticism is arguably one of the prevalent tendencies in contemporary culture - as much in the "theology" of the Bush administration as in all of

Mel Gibson's films, not just *The Passion*.

A Gnostic attitude sees the world as totally dark, dangerous, hostile. (The key word is "totally.") "Society sucks." "The System stinks." "Don't trust anyone...over thirty... in authority... in business... in politics... from the other side of the tracks... immigrants... gays... Jews...." Because the world is so dark and dangerous, one can respond either by flight to some secure zone of truth and light and support, or by taking the world on its terms with an equally violent and hostile and angry response. Typically the Gnostic warrior does both - bomb the hell out of the other in justifiable defense of the pure homeland of truth and beauty.

That's the response of Gibson's "Mad Max" and "Lethal Weapon" films. Gibson and a somewhat less fanatical Danny Glover defend the purity of their awesomely beautiful girlfriends, wives, and daughters by out shooting and out-exploding the bad guys who are everywhere. Of course it's not just Gibson's films. Such Gnostic patterns have long been the mainstay of Hollywood productions - from *High Noon* and *On the Waterfront* to the ever-increasingly darkness of recent films as different as *Pulp Fiction* and *The Hours*.

Sometimes, though, the Gnostic hero "wins" by losing. Gibson's *Braveheart* is full of violently heroic victories, but ends with a gory

disembowelment and "crucifixion" - and the brief suggestion of "resurrection" with the mysterious reappearance of the hero's long-dead beloved. And this explicitly Christian theme is, of course, utterly central to *The Passion*.

So what's wrong with that? Aren't sin and suffering...aren't the struggle against the world's evil even to the sacrifice of one's life, even to terrible and violent crucifixion...aren't these utterly central to authentic Christian understanding. Well, yes and no. And here we come to the heart of the problem with Gibson's *Passion*. For all depends on how the world's evil, its sin and suffering, and its redemption are presented. All depends on the kind of Christian understanding or "theology" that undergirds the presentation.

No one could accuse Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, of

underplaying the reality of sin or the depth of Jesus' suffering in his *Spiritual Exercises*. Yet long consideration of Jesus' passion is, in the *Exercises*, preceded by long and detailed reflection on Jesus' life as a worker and teacher of good, and followed by sustained reflection on the meaning of the resurrection for our present life. There is something similar in the classic Catholic devotion of the Rosary - where the "sorrowful mysteries" of Jesus' suffering are preceded by the "joyful mysteries" of his birth and followed by the "glorious mysteries" of his (and our anticipated) resurrection.

Context is everything here. Authentic Christian theology has always emphasized the essential goodness of this world - of human life, of work and politics and even sex - because it is all God's good creation. Yes there is evil and sin and suffering. But "God so loved the world" that God actually became one with human life in Jesus - such is Christian belief. And yes, Jesus suffered terribly, because he willingly opposed the evils of the world and called for people to live here and now so that we might



A scene from Gibson's movie, *The Passion of The Christ*
photo courtesy of www.hollywoodjesus.com

begin to see that God is really present in this world - to live lovingly and not violently, to combat rather than reveling in hatred and darkness.

Now go (perhaps for the second time) to see *The Passion of the Christ* and ask yourself what you are seeing. It depicts, I submit, an essentially Gnostic vision of the world, or the world as seen with Gnostic sensibility, rather than an authentically Christian one.

Nor is this just a trivial matter of art or theology. For a Gnostic sensibility has plagued this nation since its origins. We escape from the evil empires of Europe, defend the purity of the homeland, and know nothing about the rest of the world since it's all part of some axis of evil. Art like Gibson's, and the distorted kind of Christianity it expresses, is serious and dangerous stuff.

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McDonald's becomes health conscious by eliminating "Super Size" items



Super Size This: Less fries equals less fat

John Reif, philosophy and communication major, member of the debate team, and plebian in the world of journalism.

Once again our society has slapped itself on the wrist in order to protect itself from itself, and this time I am in favor of it. For too long, we have been trapped in a consumerist trend in which overeating and the destruction of our bodies has been allowed on a larger scale than at any other time in history. McDonald's choice to remove the "Super Size" option from its menu is not only critical to saving our children from the onslaught of . . . who am I kidding? We can all make choices about what we eat and Brian's point about our ability to continue to overeat after the removal of the "Super Size" option is well taken. I am in favor of the move for other reasons. I would like nothing more than to see McDonald's lose shares and business over this decision. Why? Because McDonald's food is not very good but it's pervasive. Whenever I go on road trips, all I see for miles is McDonalds, and the play-place notwithstanding, I would like McDonald's to move out so that other, better fast food chains can move in.

I have no philosophical disagreement with fast food, just with fast food that is not very good. I am a guy who likes to eat well, not just merely eat, and when I am stuck eating at McDonald's at every exit along the highway, I get a little pissed off. Also, there is nothing worse than the slow but sure degradation in the quality of McDonald's toys. When I was five or six, I remember getting a small bag of Legos with my Happy Meal. Now, the most one can hope for is a small wind up toy that breaks two seconds after I open it. Maybe I

am too emotional about the subject to write about it, but I miss the good old days when McDonald's was the only thing I wanted to eat, ever, plus I got a toy that I could play with all the way home and for the rest of my all too short childhood.

Perhaps now that the fast food mega-giant has served its billionth burger, it is time for it to slide into obscurity. Following radical health groups is certainly one way to fall into decline quickly and I wish McDonald's the best in trying to compete with an overly value friendly society here in America. I know that I want the fries and for less. Perhaps this move is good because it at least brings to light the fact that most of us are terribly overweight. It's a good message, albeit one that has no effect on the actual health of our country. Its value is only found in its ability to garner support for reducing the all-encompassing grip of McDonald's on the fast food industry here and abroad. You know, the only place I could visit after the coffee shop in Amsterdam to get some good food was a McDonald's. AHHHHH! Variety is good and poor market decisions by McDonald's may help to create a broader variety in food choices. I realize that we have a high variety of choices here in Denver, but that is not universal. McDonald's will have no one to blame but themselves when they lose more business than they bargained for. In the end, more Americans want better food and cheaper prices and I think that McDonald's will lose its edge over this "Super Size" debacle.



Super Size That: Less fries equals less fun

Brian Schrader, communication major -- in real life I am not as ugly as my picture indicates.

McDonalds has plans to remove the Super Size option for value meals from their menu (and I use the term menu lightly) all this in an attempt to make Americans eat healthier and be more aware of what they are eating. This is almost as hilarious as the 'Atkins' friendly burger at some fast food places, you know the burger wrapped in a piece of lettuce. No that makes sense, if you wrap a triple bacon cheeseburger in lettuce and take out the bread, that's healthy right? It is almost like exercising.

I'm not sure who at McDonalds had this idea but it is really not all that smart. I guess they think that the reason people get the bigger fries is because with the Super Size option, it is such a great deal. But, even if they are right and removing the option for larger fries causes people to stop eating so much, think of all the money that they will be losing. Forty cents per transaction multiplied by the billions and billions served, that's like forty billions and billions of cents, or something like that anyways. That's why I am a com major- now math is fun! It seems that if McDonalds is correct, that they will lose lots of money; and if they do, they might not be able to afford to pay their employees as well as they do now. They call it the non-Super Sized minimum wage.

Even if McDonalds removes the Super Size option, Americans might just have to go a few blocks over and visit Wendy's or Burger King where they still have some variation of

the Super Size, like the king or biggie size. Maybe when McDonalds removes the Super Size, other fast food joints might remove theirs too but there seems to be mounds of empirical evidence that burger places do not model each other's menu choices. Case in point- the salad shaker thing, you know the salad in the Super Size drink cup that you shake, made fresh six weeks before it entered their refrigerator. Yeah, not a lot of other dives started offering that tantalizing treat after McDonalds put it on the market. John will probably say that if McDonalds loses money because of this move that it is a good thing because he dislikes McDonalds and they are a bad company or something, but this is not ok. There is no other average fast food joint with a Mc Play Place; it is like a less exciting amusement park that's free with a Happy Meal, John, don't take that away from us.

Ultimately there is no reason to remove the Super Size option. It will not help people eat less and if McDonalds were really concerned they would shut down because almost all their food is unhealthy and 15 less fries with a double quarter pounder (with or without cheese) is not going to make any difference. We should all just be happy that they took the lard out of their French Fries (don't know what it was doing there in the first place) and move on to another cause.

Brian Schrader and John J. Rief are Regis University seniors and members of the Forensics team contributing to this regular Point/Counter point column.

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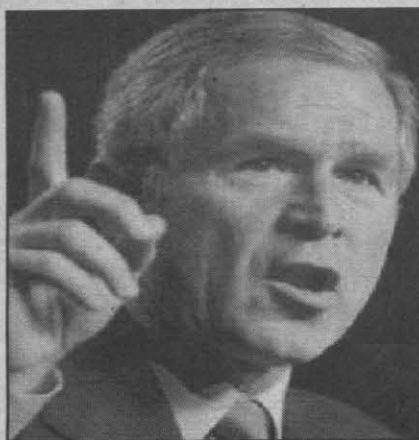
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Republicans and Democrats square off

by Justin Goldman

The stage is just about set. Although Congressman Dennis Kucinich and the Reverend Al Sharpton are still officially campaigning, Senator John Kerry is the presumptive nominee for the Democratic Party. The great challenge the Democratic Party faces is creating unity. Expect to see political expedience. Even though former rivals lashed out



George Bush works on retaining his presidency in 2004. photo courtesy of www.menzies.us.com

extremely hard at Senator Kerry during the primaries, many have rushed to his side with their sights set on the general election this November.

President George W. Bush has launched his own offensive after weathering the storm of attacks during the Democratic Primaries. At a fundraiser in Dallas on March 9, 2004 he attacked Kerry's record in the Senate. He accused the Senator of proposing "deeply irresponsible" cuts in intelligence spending. It came two years after the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center. The legislation called for trimming intelligence spending \$1.5 billion over five years. The President criticized the bill for failing to attract a single co-

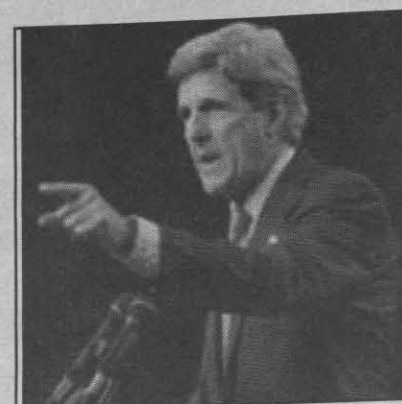
sponsor. "Indecision Kills," Vice President Dick Cheney said. "These are not times for leaders who shift with the political winds, saying one thing one day and another thing the next. We need a commander-in-chief of a clear vision and steady determination."

Senator John Kerry has had a tremendous time avoiding popular labels. The term "Massachusetts Liberal" concocts images of Michael Dukakis. Senator Kerry served as Lieutenant Governor under Governor Dukakis in Massachusetts. Expect the comparisons as Presidential Candidate Michael Dukakis fell to George H.W. Bush in the 1988 election. With the President pushing to make the tax cuts permanent he will lash out at Senator Kerry for wanting to raise taxes. Senator Kerry has called for rolling back the tax cuts that impact those Americans of upper income levels.

One of the critical issues for Senator Kerry is choosing a running mate. The selection and the timing of the announcement are critical. With the Democratic National Convention in Boston this July Democrats should look to build momentum they can ride into November. Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico probably heads a short list. He served for 15 years in the House of Representatives; he was selected to represent the United States as the ambassador to the United Nations, and was Secretary of the Department of Energy.

Democrats are extremely vulnerable in the South. People in the South won't soon forget Senator John Kerry's comment that, "everybody makes the mistake of looking south". The South is growing in its political

importance. In addition 5 Democrats in the South are retiring from the Senate. John Breaux of Louisiana, John Edwards of North Carolina, Ernest (Fritz) Hollings of



John Kerry campaigning in a close race. photo courtesy of www.cambio.com

South Carolina, Bob Graham of Florida, and Zell Miller of Georgia. With all these seats vulnerable to Republican challengers we could see a greater majority for the Republicans in the Senate.

This should be a considerable concern for Democrats. Many people in the South feel that Democrats are out of touch with their values. The Democratic Party has been criticized in the South for having moved too far to the left. It is sad to see these public servants retire. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas is the only Southern Democratic Senator seeking re-election. Are we seeing Democrats from the South who tend to be more conservative alienated from the National Party? Senator Zell Miller of Georgia has served in public office in each of the past six decades. He served two terms as the Governor of Georgia and left with an 85% approval rating. As a Democrat he has chosen to campaign on behalf of President Bush.

Students should analyze value of college relationships

by Charlie Beriault

A bachelor's degree takes four years, more or less. During those four years at a college or university you will not only engage academics, but you will learn about life through the relationships that you make during your four plus years on a college campus. It is a time where young people make relationships in a number of applications...think now if this is a priority for you. Do you value the relationships that you have made here, or are they just to pass the time until you get home to your "real" friends? If you find yourself realizing the latter than you might need to come to terms with what is fact, considering how much time you spend here--this is home.

Hopefully it has struck you that when you get your degree and go home that the pool parties and make out scenes of the sophomore era are going to be well over and done with. Hopefully you aren't going to be over twenty standing there with your thumb in your mouth wondering where everybody went. If you are, then they grew up and you didn't. They went to college and realized that although there is going to be drama, they have made friendships that are lasting and that they can build on. Take a hard look and ask yourself how many true relationships you have here.

"I've found that the problem causing all of this careless chaos is sheerly a lack of communication."

When you look back, have you pushed people away because you didn't want any real attachment, or were you just to afraid to say something? Do you ever question why you go to parties with people that you talk down on incessantly? How many friends have you backstabbed and sold out just for a night of anonymous debauchery with their significant other or crush? Even worse, what if these people are your confidants or supposed true friends, would they sell you up the river over the same trivial nonsense?

The question here is not to ascertain whether or not your friends back home are valuable, because that is a stupid question (and yes there are stupid questions). The fact is that you make connections, relationships, and friendships in college. What is the point of lounging with people that lack moral fiber or substance, and go to parties with the same people just to present the illusion that we are living the college dream? Why not truly experience it?

Talking with several people here at Regis University, I've found that the problem causing all of this careless chaos is sheerly a lack of communication. So here it is; you're going to get hurt, and better sooner than later. It sucks but it is life. If we hold back and try to distance ourselves from friendships or people that we have feelings for then what sort of way is that to live? Maybe now is a good time to realize that its not always sunshine and butterflies but compromise that moves us along. Without risk there is no gain, and this lack of communication is brought on by a lack of courage. It's unfortunate that life doesn't come with a set of instructions, but in this situation some assembly is required.

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Leadership conference teaches students important life skills



CHOICES members at one of their events.
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by Heather Rockwell

On January 30-31st, the No Frills, Just Skills Leadership Experience took place at Regis University and was co-sponsored by the Coleman Productions. For the main production 178 students and visitors attended and for the pre-conference on "Making Students Matter," 22 people attended. Advisors

and their students came from over 30 schools around the country to the conference here on campus. There were 20 breakout sessions, where the classrooms were filled. Topics of discussion and presentation at the event included everything from "Exceptional Woman" to "multitasking."

Highlights of the Conference included, but were not limited to the following:

A highly inspirational opening session including a keynote address by Joe Martin, the youngest person to ever be a professor in Florida, and a lighthearted presentation on the healing power of laughter by Renee Hicks. These moving sessions were then followed by an intimate concert by the nationally acclaimed country singer Kevin Sharp.

Forester's Financial Planning, organized by Regis 2000 alumnus Jared Martin, helped sponsor lunch and gave away Chipotle gift certificates and door prizes.

The goal of CHOICES is to make this an annual event for the Regis University community.

Break-ins too close for comfort

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Regis Security called the Denver Police Department (DPD) and had Billar file an incident report. Three hours later DPD had not arrived yet. Billar sent his parents home and he went back to his room in West Hall. He called the police himself and was told by the operator that no one in the Denver Police Department was notified about the stolen car. Ten minutes later DPD arrived and filed an incident report.

He was then told by DPD that 75% of stolen vehicles show up within two weeks. About three weeks later, the '91 Toyota Camry was found at 8th and Julian, without the license plates and with an empty gas tank. The total damage was only \$15: \$5 for the license plates and \$10 for the tank of gas. Billar considered himself pretty lucky but suggested that, "Regis should look into mechanical automatic gates with magnetic key cards." He now parks in the parking lots behind the town homes, underneath the lights and near the security cameras. It is a five minute walk from the parking lot to West. When he does decide to park in the West parking lot, he disconnects the battery and then reconnects it before starting the car.

After Billar's car was stolen numerous other car thefts occurred in the West Hall parking lot. While the number of break-ins increased, Bill Williams, director of security, teamed up with Tom Reynolds, head of Student Life. For ten days straight starting from February 17th to February 26th, Denver Police officers patrolled Regis University for six hours each night. The total cost for the Denver Police Officers was \$2400. No break-ins occurred during this time.

Flyers were also placed around campus informing students about the recent thefts. Regis community was advised to lock vehicles and remove all valuables from noticeable areas of the car. Williams admits the flyers will not stop anyone from breaking into the car. He said, "It's for individual protection. But why would they break into one student's car if they can't see anything but the car next to it contains visual valuables?"

What else are Regis Security members doing to protect the Regis community? They attend training sessions at least once a month and are staffed with at least two officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays. Three out of the nine Regis operational officers have had experience in law enforcement, and a Denver Police Officer attends the Regis Security staff meetings and is on call. An Annual Security Report is made after each school year to inform Regis University about the major offenses on and off campus. They also hold a great connection to the Denver Gang Unit and continue to plan on expanding the number of security officers and budget allotment.

Student reaction to the 2/23 Coach Porter article

Dear Highlander Editor and Staff,

Four words of advice for Andy Cole: Mind your own business. His criticism of Coach Lonnie Porter is unfounded and unnecessary for one fundamental reason: He isn't the coach of the Regis men's basketball team. Cole structures his argument in a fashion that Coach Porter must remain accountable to Regis students, who "pay" the tuition that funds the Athletic Department, because of the sexual assault allegations against the University of Colorado (I put quotations around the word "pay" because how many actual Regis students use their own money to finance their tuition).

Coach Porter's actions took place on the court, not some public domain of politics. Coach Porter has been selected to coach Regis athletes to the best of his abilities. Does Cole actually believe that Porter wants to lose? Anybody who has ever watched a Regis basketball game will speak of the drive of Porter, who doesn't leave the impression of an individual who "gives up" very easily. Porter has the right to lead his team the way he sees fit, and if putting four players on the court is what coach wants, four players on the court is what coach gets. I'll agree with Cole on one point: Porter does represent Regis, and he has been doing a fine job of it for the past 27 years as the state's most winningest coach and as an active member of the community. Observe the legacy of Lonnie Porter at this school, and ask yourself who deserves to do the coaching around here.

Sincerely,

Jay Stooksberry, senior

Letter from the editor, Padraic J. Swanton:

The Regis University Highlander welcomes editorials from any student, staff of faculty member on nearly any (appropriate) subject matter. In addition, every editor of this publication believes in the journalistic integrity and virtue of any of their staff reporters and will always do as such.

Elections

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She/he oversees both, the formation of new clubs and organizations as well as the operations and activities of all current clubs and organizations.

As part of this duty, the Vice-President will coordinate the Club Fair in the second week of September. In addition, she/he chairs the Organizational Review Committee, ensuring clubs and organizations conform to stipulations outlined in the Constitution.

An unopposed Justin Gorrie received 217 votes receiving 46% for the position of Chief Justice. As stated in the Regis University Constitution, "In the event only one candidate runs for office, the candidate must receive 51% of the votes cast. If the candidate does not receive 51% of the votes

cast, a new election shall be held." The new election for Chief Justice will take place during the week of March 22, 2004. Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities and are due by 12:00pm on March 17, 2004.

The Chief Justice shall preside over all meetings of the Judicial Board and shall direct its activities. She/he shall be responsible for guaranteeing substantive due process in all matters coming before the Judicial Board. She/he shall ensure that the rights of the defendants and the rights of the Judicial Board are fulfilled. She/he will also, when asked, chair the grievance committee, and validate all elections and other clubs and organizations. In addition, she/he shall perform all duties assigned to him/her by the Executive Cabinet

or Student Senate.

Those students interested in the position of Chief Justice have to fulfill the following requirements in order to have their name placed on the ballot sheet: a completed eligibility contract, a signed job contract, a letter of intention (stating their platform and their interest in the position), a professional resume, a letter of reference from a Regis University faculty member, and a list of 100 signatures from enrolled undergraduate students. Each student must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, full-time status and hold senior status with the registrar's office for Chief Justice.

Cole, Haug, and the new Chief Justice's first job will be selecting a new Executive Cabinet. The applications will be available March 17, 2004 in the Office of Student Activities.

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St. Patrick's Day full of tradition and legend

by Nikki Lawson

It is hard to think of March 17 as anything other than Saint Patrick's Day, a holiday full of shamrocks, leprechauns, lots of green and celebration. The day that recognizes Irish heritage, pride, and the accomplishments of Saint Patrick is truly a time of celebration and fun, and proves every year that the traditions, myths, and symbols of Saint Patrick's Day still exist and are believed today.

Saint Patrick's Day would not be the same without the traditional color of green representing the holiday. March 17 was always an exciting day to go to school because there was actually an excuse to pinch

Saint Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, and one of his tools for doing so was by using the shamrock. Saint Patrick utilized a shamrock to illustrate the notion of the Trinity, the Christian idea that the One God is made up of three equally important and existing parts, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The shamrock was a true symbol of the Trinity, possessing one single leaf with three equal parts just as the Christian idea.

Saint Patrick had other uses for the shamrock besides religious illustration. Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, (although many claim Ireland never had snakes) and that his lucky shamrocks actually kept snakes away and act as a remedy for bites.

Saint Patrick found so much good fortune with shamrocks it is believed that a person that finds a four leaf clover will have good luck as well.

Although not easy, finding a four leaf clover is easier than finding a leprechaun's gold. Known as Irish fairies, leprechauns are two feet tall and

spend their time making shoes. Interestingly enough, the actual color of Saint Patrick is not green, rather it is blue. But because of the Irish, it did not take long for green to wash that idea out.

In the 19th century, the "Emerald Isle" adopted green as its national color because of its reputation for being green year round due to heavy rainfall. When the association between the color green and Ireland was established, green was inherently linked to Saint Patrick's Day, and has been ever since. As a result of tradition, the color blue, the "actual" color of Saint Patrick, will never replace green in avoiding Saint Patrick's Day pinches.

Editor recalls pleasant memories of past St. Paddy's Days while attending Regis University

by Padraic Swanton

Over the course of my four years at this university it has become quite clear that one overriding holiday affects us all in one way or another. Now this is not to say that Thanksgiving, Christmas or President's Day are not important to the dynamic of this university, because they most certainly are. What I speak of in this situation is the time-honored tradition of St. Patrick's Day.

Now, being of Irish decent myself it is hard to speak of this holiday in an objective manner. However, for the sake of this forum

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I think it is extremely necessary that I speak from both personal experience and objectivity.

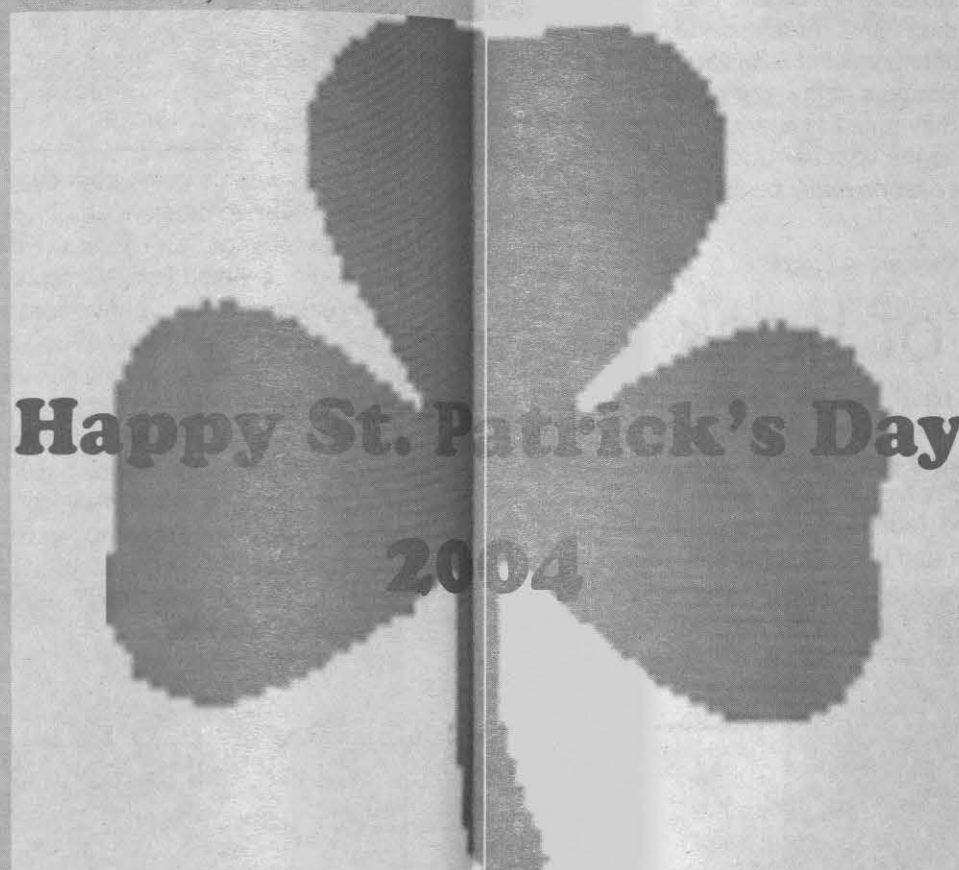
Over the past four years I have enjoyed some of my favorite memories during this holiday so ungraciously associated with whiskey, Guinness, fighting and all out debauchery. The memories I have established over these years have certainly not been centered on these activities alone.

The recognition of the heritage of the Irish people is one of the strongest in the world, and should be looked upon with more respect than is often given. Not only do the Irish American students of this university greatly enjoy being associated with the stereotype of partying that comes with their first or last name, but they also enjoy all of the history and pride that comes with a name like Joyce or McCullough.

It should always be remembered that St. Patrick's Day is an extremely relevant and touching holiday for many who partake in it. Anyone with Irish blood running through their veins can appreciate that this holiday is not March's version of Mardi gras or New Year's Eve.

The greatest memory of St. Patrick's Day I can recall is people of all backgrounds

talking about the best way to cook corned beef and potatoes, or the "proper" way to pour a pint of Guinness. Not only do these people put on green hats or sweaters from the Blarney Woolen Mills, but they always ask the Murphy's and the Shannon's why the holiday is such a big deal. It is nice to see others taking interest in our culture, isn't it? Maybe a nice Irish girl like Margaret or Kathleen should ask someone why Bastille Day or Cinco de Mayo is so important. Maybe then we can all see each other for what we're really worth.



Not only is St. Patrick himself responsible for bringing Christianity to Ireland, he has now received the honor of bringing Ireland to the United States. It is quite possible that without this figure any of the Irish people who immigrated to this country in the past 200 years would have no one to associate themselves with or to rally behind.

So, when March 17, 2004 comes around I hope that someone Irish (and over 21) enjoys a nice pint of Guinness, some Jameson on the rocks, or a nice handshake from someone of another culture who truly appreciates Ireland and St. Patrick's Day for all they are worth.

Patron Saint of Emerald Isle commemorated all over the globe

by Kathleen Ryan

In just a couple of days, Irish eyes will be smiling as Guinness' are toasted, green shamrocks are worn, and Irish jigs and reels are heard throughout the crowded pubs and festivals. As the one national holiday that is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other, St. Patrick's Day is the day when everyone wants to be Irish.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, a date that marks the

anniversary of the death of St. Patrick, a missionary who became the patron saint of Ireland. The Irish has observed this day as a religious holiday for thousands of years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

St. Patrick is one of Christianity's most widely known figures, though his life still remains somewhat of a

"The parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army."

mystery. St. Patrick was born in Britain into a wealthy family near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland, where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a Shepherd, working outdoors by

himself. Becoming lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to the History Channel, his writing shows that a voice, which is believed to be God's, spoke to him in a dream which told him that it was his time to leave Ireland. Patrick listened to this voice, and in order to leave Ireland, walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo to the Irish Coast. After escaping back to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation which was to return back to Ireland and become a missionary. Patrick then enrolled in religious training, a course of studies that lasted almost fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission- to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and began to convert the Irish. His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years, until the time he decided to retire to County Down, where he died.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States, not in Ireland. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. The parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army. Over the following



St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland
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years, Irish patriotism among Irish immigrants flourished. When the Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

However, the Irish soon began to realize that their great numbers gifted them with a certain political power, as St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans.

Denver residents enjoy variety of Irish festivities for St. Patrick's Day

by Ann Tool

Even though the Denver population is only a mere 9.6% Irish according to city-data.com, those people with Irish roots treat St. Patrick's Day like a true holiday around here, with days worth of celebration, parades and all. Although Denver has not made any "all time greatest St. Patty's Day party ever" top ten lists, we do know how to have a good time. There are numerous Irish pubs scattered along the streets of Denver and beginning this week some will play host to bands playing traditional Irish jigs and reels.

Fadó Irish Pub is one of the more popular pubs serving Irish fare and will host a series of live bands

performing on March 17. Beginning at 12:30pm and lasting until the young hour of 11:00, six different Irish bands will take the stage at this local favorite in a tent set up outside the main facilities. Bands such as the Irish Chancers and The Reals will keep your feet tapping and your spirits high. Other hot spots include The Celtic Tavern and of course Nallen's, which is a Regis University student favorite all of which are within walking distance of each other under normal circumstances.

If a cold Guinness and a good Irish jig does not excite you, consider going downtown to laugh at the crazy costumes and odd behaviors displayed by the partying folk. If you are in the mood for

entertainment of a different sort, local psychedelic, acoustic, jamgrass band Shanti Groove will play at Cervantes, while Denver's own Opie Gone Bad plays at Brendans. If you would rather skip music all together, consider heading to Boulder to hear Mary Berkery, an Irish writer, storyteller and holistic health practitioner speak on topics such as Celtic and Ancient Irish Wisdom and the vision of St. Patrick. For those of you who view March 17 as just an ordinary day, go and do ordinary things, but do remember that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. No matter how you choose to celebrate, please celebrate responsibly.

Interviews with Erin Ovitz

Meet Three Irish Foreign Exchange Students

What do you enjoy about Colorado and what do you miss about Ireland?



Caithriona Carty, JR

"What I like most about being in Colorado is the chance to take different courses in college, and the weather is pretty good compared to Ireland. And I suppose I miss my friends and the food in Ireland because the food here is not nice! Actually I miss going out, because here you have to be 21 to drink and you just don't have the same craic in the pubs."

CRAIC(loosely translated) means fun!



Robert Hope, JR

"The thing I like about Colorado most so far is that it is just a different way of going to school and stuff. And both the snowboarding and the weather are cool. But the thing I miss most about home is going to the pubs, whereas here there are more house parties. I also miss my family and friends."



Seamus Kennedy, JR

"Well, it's cool being here because we got to go to New Orleans for Spring Break and I really appreciate the opportunity of being here and getting to do stuff like skiing and travelling. I miss the pubs in Ireland because there you are socializing with people from age 16 to 90, and it's just a whole different atmosphere than in Colorado."

Drew's Dialogue



Andrew Walker is a Regis Senior, contributing the regular column, "Drew's Dialogue." The column is meant purely for entertainment purposes and reflects his own personal views and/or imagination.

Hello, sports fans here with the 4-1-1 on the world of sports. In this week's edition, the following two items will be brought to the table. The Denver Broncos big blockbuster trade and what it means for the next couple of seasons, and with the baseball season right around the corner, I want to talk about Barry Bonds and the hot water that he is in.

Let's get started with the trade heard around the world. When the regular season ended, the Broncos knew that their all-pro running back Clinton Portis was going to be a free-agent, and it was also going to cost the team a lot of money to keep him here in Denver. At the contract talks between the two parties it seemed that Portis was not happy with the amount of money the Broncos wanted to give him. He wanted less years and more money.

He then came out and said that he would be willing to sit out the year, and was trying to blackmail the team. The team was not happy with his actions, so they began to quietly shop him around. I personally think that Portis is a great talent and just about to hit his prime, so the team should have done whatever it took to keep him here. He may have an attitude problem, but a talent of his caliber doesn't come along that often.

People have said that the team can put any running back on the field and turn them into a star. That point I do think is somewhat true. The Broncos in the last few years have gone from Terrell Davis to Olandis Gary to Mike Anderson, and recently they had Mr. Portis. All these running backs had great seasons, and are very good at what they do. I just feel that giving up on a talent like Portis and getting no offensive help in return was a bad idea. Defense does win championships but if there is no offense to put up points then I feel this team will again miss the playoffs. Stay tuned, but I feel this trade will come back and hunt the Broncos down the line.

The other topic that I wanted to talk about was steroids in baseball and my opinion of Barry Bonds. When I used to live in California, I would go to about 10 San Francisco Giants game a year. I enjoy watching the game of baseball and like most other fans like to see as many home runs as possible.

During the summer time between by sophomore and junior year, I attended a game between the Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates. At that time Bonds had 599 career home runs, and was one homerun away from being just the fourth player ever to hit 600 or more home runs for their career. In the bottom of the fifth inning, he connected on a home run to centerfield, and I was an instant part of baseball history.

I am also an avid Montreal Expos fan, so up to that point didn't really follow Bonds career, but the car ride home was very interested because of the discussion the commentators on the radio were having. They were saying that Barry Lamar Bonds is the best player of all-time. I think Bonds is a great talent, but when I think of the greatest player of all time I think of Willie Mays.

Bonds in the last couple of years has hit home runs at a record pace. He hit a record 73 in one season and has a chance to catch Henry Aaron for the most home runs ever. When he first came to the big leagues, he was a very skinny kid. Over the years, he has bulked up, and people are wondering if it is due to steroids.

Steroids are a big issue now in baseball; there are reports that some big-time names in baseball are taking steroids. Bonds has always denied the use of steroids, but has never proven it. I personally think that if he has been taking them, then all of his records and accomplishments will be questioned for the rest of his career. Till next time sports fans.

Spring break ushers out basketball season, welcomes baseball, softball

by Andrew Walker

Basketball for both the men and women came to an end over Spring Break. The men's team ended their season losing a heartbreaker to Colorado Christian University by a score of 96-95. Junior Austin Christensen got his 11th double-double of the season, with a 27 point, 13 rebound performance. Also, sophomore Kent Brown chipped in with 23 points, while making six out of nine from the floor. The team finished the year with a record of 14-13, marking the first time since 1998-99 that the Rangers finished above the .500 mark.

The Lady Rangers

finished the year by losing to number one seed Nebraska-Kearney in the RMAC / Wells Fargo Shootout by a score of 62-55. Senior center Kristina Vengryte scored a game high 14 points, and freshman Denise Lopez helped the cause with an eight point, seven rebound effort. The Lady Rangers finished the year with a record of 20-9.

Now that basketball season is over, the baseball and softball seasons are heating up. Over the break, the men's baseball team left for Florida for nine games. They came back to Regis having won all nine games. In the last game of the series, the Rangers won by a

score of 13-5 over Lock Heaven University. Senior pitcher Eric Thompson got the win improving his record to 2-1. Also, senior Andy Newton went 4-5 with two RBIs, and three doubles for the Rangers.

The ladies' softball team took on Mesa State College over the weekend of March 6-7. The team was 1-3, which has the ladies at 8-6 overall and 3-3 in the RMAC. Freshman Michelle Johnson went 6-14 for the Lady Rangers in the four game series. Stay tuned to see what happens as the baseball and softball seasons really begin to take off.

Bertuzzi changes face of hockey

by Mike McMillan

We have all seen enough hockey to know that it is one of the more physical sports, if not the most physical sport in our society today. Nevertheless, even by hockey standards the line can be crossed and this is exactly what happened on Monday March 8.

In a game in Vancouver, British Columbia, the Canucks and the Avalanche took the ice for a pivotal match between two playoff contenders trying to improve their stock in the post season.

However, the incident that occurred during the game was very serious and it has lead to police investigation.

Late in the game

Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi delivered a cheap shot on Colorado's Steve Moore, who consequently will miss the rest of the season. Bertuzzi came from behind and hit Moore in the side of the head and then drove his head into the ice. Moore landed on the ice face first with Bertuzzi on top of him giving him a fractured vertebra, a concussion, and deep facial cuts.

Bertuzzi's actions stemmed from a previous incident involving both teams on February 16, when Moore delivered a check on Markus Naslund which resulted in a concussion that ultimately benched Naslund for three games. We see retaliatory acts in all sports, so this is nothing new, but where do we draw the line on certain actions.

Bertuzzi's actions were obviously premeditated and he deserves to be punished accordingly. This type of behavior is more prevalent in hockey because of the short tempers

that many players have, but also because the game is unique in that it gives players the opportunity to retaliate with situations like this.

On Thursday March 11, the league decided to suspend Todd Bertuzzi for the rest of the regular season and playoffs, plus they are

going to reevaluate his eligibility for next season during training camp. The league has also decided to fine the Canucks in the amount of \$250,000. Gary Bettman described the ruling by the league as "stern, harsh, and quick". (ESPN.com)

This ruling will send a message to the rest of the league that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Bertuzzi will be forced to miss the remaining 12

games in the regular season, which will force him to forfeit at least \$500,000.

This ruling comes as a blow not only to Todd Bertuzzi, but more importantly to the Canucks as they are trying to secure a high seed in the playoffs. The All-Star forward was the second leading scorer for the Canucks with 17 goals and 43 assists. This will prove to be very costly as the Canucks prepare for the playoffs.

In a very emotional press conference Bertuzzi apologized for what he had done, "To the game of Hockey the fans of Vancouver, for the kids that watch this game, I am truly sorry".

Bertuzzi also apologized to Moore and his family for the incident, and he was also grateful to hear that Moore should be able to have a full recovery. The ruling that was handed down by the NHL should be enough warning to players that they will not take these cases lightly, and players should think before they act.



TV still of March 8 hit by Bertuzzi against Moore. Photo courtesey AP.

All You Wanted to Know About...

Women's Lacrosse Player Suzanne Jean Schlacks

Year: Junior

Hometown:
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Major: Biology

Position: Defensive wing

Why Regis? *Because I wanted to go hiking in the mountains, and I wanted to play on the soccer team.*

So why Lacrosse now?
I saw a flyer on the wall, thought it looked like an interesting way to spend time.

What was the last thing you watched on T.V.? *One Tree Hill. But I swear I never watch that show.*

Why the skirts? *It's the tradition. It's actually quite liberating.*

How do you think the team will do this year? *Well I think it's pretty safe to say we'll do better than last year (laughing). No, I think we have a lot of promise, especially with the recruits this year.*

What's the coolest building on campus? *Main Hall, cause it's the highest point in Denver, and it's pink and 50% of the floors are condemned.*

Jeans or sweats? *Hmm, Jeans, I'm pretty sure.*

Favorite cartoon: *Cowboy Bebop.*

What are the best things about being a twin? *It's a good conversation starter. I always had a best friend when I was little. It's the key to getting Salli and I's porn star career off the ground.*

Best Lacrosse game you've been in here at Regis? *When we beat Stonehill, because they ended up being number two in the nation. I was marking one of their top scorers, and I shut her down. It was in Panama City, Florida freshman year.*

Who's scarier Shredder or Skeletor? *Skeletor. Because he's creepy and he has a maniacal laugh. Shredder in the cartoon is kind of a pansy that Brain thing bosses him around.*

Finish this sentence: *I really enjoy monkeys that... throw their poop.*



Suzi Schlacks, starting Regis Lacrosse d-wing.
Photo courtesy of www.regis.edu

March means madness in NCAA

by Michael Pontarelli

The NCAA Men's basketball tournament is rapidly approaching, and there are several dazzling teams that pose a real hazard to one another.

Stanford is having yet another incredible year with a 16-1 record in the Pacific-10 Conference and an astonishing 25-1 record overall, as of March 9, 2004. So far, the Cardinal has poured in 1,795 points this season.

Taking over Stanford's number one slot is Saint Joseph's with a 26-0 record. Duke is also having quite a season and will have just as good of a chance at the national title as anyone else with a record of 24-3. The AP has Gonzaga in the number three slot followed by a very talented Mississippi State team currently carrying a 23-3 record.

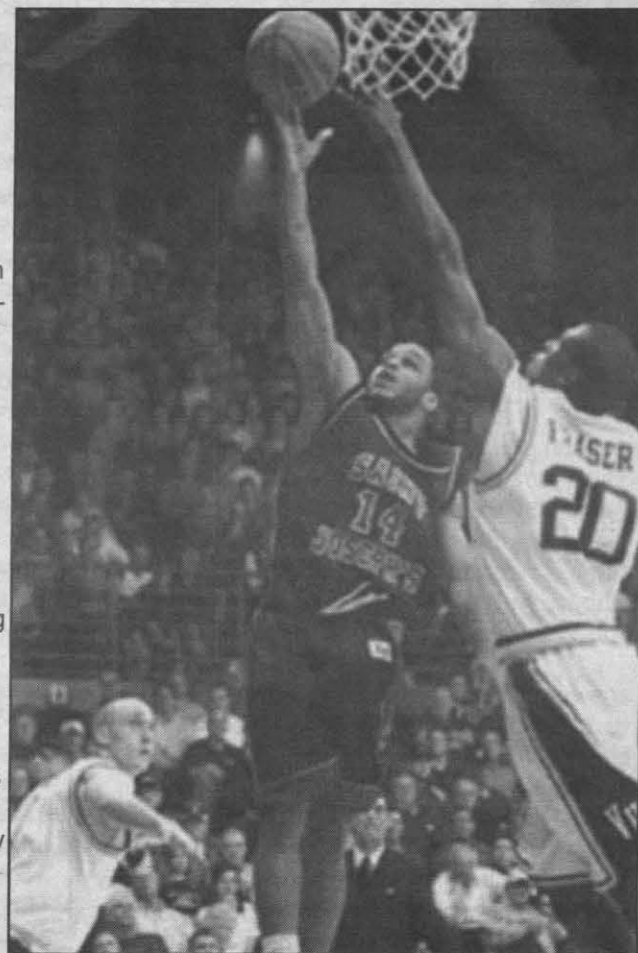
Pittsburgh and Connecticut are listed in the Stanford's number one slot. Photo courtesy St. Joseph's six and seven spots followed by number eight Oklahoma State who was recently bumped down a couple spots from a previous number 6 ranking.

Kentucky has been sitting tight at the number nine spot for a while and it looks as if they will remain there as the tournament begins.

The Texas Longhorns are looking strong with a 21-4 record. Texas has scored a surprising 1,193 points on the year and is leading the Big 12 conference, and is currently holding a number 10 spot in the AP top 25.

Wake Forest is in the middle of the pack once again in the number 11 position. The team has had a great year so far with a record of 19-6. Number 12 Providence is surprising a lot of people and should be a huge factor in the outcome of the tournament.

Providence recently moved from



Jameer Nelson, 14 for St. Joseph's which is taking over Stanford's number one slot. Photo courtesy St. Joseph's University.

the number 13 to number 12 after being replaced by a 20-5 Cincinnati team. North Carolina follows Cincinnati in the rankings at 14 after dropping 2 seeds from number 12.

With Stanford being on top the Pacific-10 conference really doesn't pose any other threats to the March Madness tournament until the 22nd seed, with is an extremely tough Arizona Wildcat team. Currently, Arizona is sitting with an 18-8 record overall and 10-7 in Pac-10 play.

It is clear that there are several teams in the AP Top 25 that pose a serious firewall against the rest of the teams headed into the March Madness tournament.

One thing about the tournament is that nearly anyone could turn out to be the "Cinderella Team." Stanford and Saint Josephs are going to stay on fire in March, and will definitely be the teams to beat.

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Odds & ED's



Ed Bessenbacher is a Regis Junior, contributing the regular column, "Odds & ED's." The column is meant purely for entertainment purposes and reflects his own personal views and/or imagination.

And so it comes to this. You made it back from your Spring Break trip to what you thought were the sandy beaches of Bismarck, North Dakota (they're more gravel than anything). So here we go, wave your hands at your knees, screech like a monkey and curl like an armadillo and people will ask what's wrong with you, as we enter Special Ed.

In a terrific display of democracy, the election debates were held last Monday in the Regis version of Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and Red Robin: the cafeteria. It was a thoroughly entertaining event, complete with six candidates, an emcee, and girls in swimsuits walking back and forth to announce the next question.

I would say that having the candidates answer in the same order every time was not very professional, but neither is having a stage elevated only four inches. Ah, Camp Regis. Some props must go to candidate "I Love Track" for openly criticizing the cafeteria, in the cafeteria. I've criticized the food sanctuary before, but the day it hit newsstands I skipped town for an undisclosed location to avoid the "Sodexo Thugs." Oh, they exist.

Unfortunately, as a member of the press I had to remain bipartisan and not ask any questions of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. This was discouraging to me because I really wanted to ask about some very important on-campus issues that I had, in no way, made up on the spot.

For instance, where do the distinguished candidates stand on the issue of racing Physical Plant golf carts around the Quad? Sure it's the darker side of Rangerland, but we can no longer turn a deaf eye to this controversy.

On one hand, innocent people are being whacked as the golf carts rush by at golf cart speed. On the other hand, I think the carts should be souped up to go faster and the participants be allowed to put spikes on their wheels for sabotaging other contestants. That way I would completely domina...I mean, both have good, completely equal arguments, where would the Pontificates of the Poster board stand?

Another thing is how would these would-be-leaders handle the increasingly dangerous turf war between the Chemistry and Biology departments? Yes you've seen the big CHEMISTRY sign on the Science Building, and then probably nudged your friend and said something like "Huh, geeks claiming their territory with signs instead of the so-called magnetic force field."

The truth is that these two Titans-of-the-Test-Tube have held long time grudges against one another and this new sign will only make things worse. I'm talking about Biology claiming territory of their own, not just breaking the Chemistry pencils. It could spread to any building on campus, just imagine seeing Microbiology spelled down the side of the Chapel, what do you plan to do future leaders of last Thursday?

Only time will tell I suppose. My page is at an end I can't believe you made it. Until next time please remember: as a wise sage once told me, "I hate mistakes I'm never making one again."

Burritos easy to come by near campus

Henry Ford, father of assembly line production, expanded his factories' capacity to create automobiles so efficiently that his product became affordable. His innovation has pervaded many aspects of our modern society and has manifested itself everywhere. Applying this concept to burrito

production is a recent trend that has gained ground. Establishments such as Chipotle, Qdoba, and Illegal Pete's have taken the ancient art of tortilla rolling and revolutionized it with modern concepts emphasizing speed, girth and thriftiness. The question that plagues our conquistadors of cuisine is whether these sheet metal decorated corporations have in fact improved on burrito making or if tradition still reigns supreme on the street corners of northwest Denver.

Pledging to leave no burrito unturned, Mike and Chris compared popular burrito chains Chipotle, Qdoba, and Illegal Pete's with more authentic, but the oft-neglected burrito vendors Maricela's (on the corner of 38th and Federal) and El Taco Veloz (49th and Federal, in front of DDD's).

By first heading to nearby Regis favorite Chipotle, we established a standard of judgment. Chipotle is undoubtedly a place where someone

can go to be stuffed full for about six bucks.

Vegetarians and carnivores alike can easily find solace in the menu, which offers beef, pork, steak and chicken. Mike chose the steak and Chris chose chicken.

Operating well within the norm, Chipotle offers a choice of beans, salsas and other sides. The results of Chipotle serve as the control variable in this southwestern experiment:

Mike-8.00

Chris-7.50

Later that day, Chris and Mike ventured down to the Sixteenth Street Mall to visit the famed Illegal Pete's. Upon entry, one cannot help but notice the heady crowd of patrons sitting around the bar. More options on the menu at Illegal Pete's include quesadillas and nachos, with potatoes as a burrito filling choice. A distinguishing factor in the burrito making process at Illegal Pete's is that the guts of the burrito are thoroughly mixed before the wrapping process, thereby eliminating the occasional all rice bite. Mike stayed true to his tastes and ordered steak. Chris indulged Illegal Pete's need to cross-



Chipotle is located at 32nd and Lowell. Photo by Dan Delaney

pollinate cultures and ordered chicken pesto.

The results:

Mike-7.25

Chris-7.75

Later still, Mike and Chris proceeded to 80th and Wadsworth to the next burrito competitor at Qdoba; a bout of déjà vu soon ensued. In the same way that McDonalds and Burger King offer basically the same menu, such is the case with Chipotle, Illegal Pete's and Qdoba. Mike got steak again, while Chris surprisingly was able to get pesto, again. The results of Qdoba:

Mike-7.25

Chris-7.50

Ok, most of you Regis students have driven down Federal a time or two and seen a burrito vendor on the corner and wondered just

what lurked inside. We boldly crossed the threshold from mass produced burritos to the realm of the man and his cart. Upon visiting the southeast corner of 38th and Federal, one discovers an unassuming burrito stand with unmistakable taste, for only three dollars.

Maricela's burrito stand is operated by one woman who offers a variety of options for a custom meal. Burritos here are made simply, with meat, onions, cilantro and your choice of green or red salsa-but the secret ingredient is love. Mike chose carne asada with red salsa; Chris chose the same with green. The results:

Mike-8.75

Chris-8.25

Our burrito procession made its way back to Regis to indulge in another piece of heaven wrapped in tin foil. El Taco Veloz on 49th and Federal is another somewhat inconspicuous burrito stand. This particular stand offered beans and cheese to the meat, as well as more salsa options. We both got asada again. The results:

Mike-8.00

Chris-7.75

Make no mistake, Chipotle ect. wraps up a filling, tasty and reasonably priced meal. However, if this burrito bowl has taught a lesson, it is that those willing to travel outside familiar burrito territory can and will be well rewarded.



"El Taco Veloz", one of the many burrito trucks located on 49th and Federal. Photo by Dan Delaney

Regis students put psychic to the test

Psychic Annie dead wrong

by Ann Tool

She says that this was a bunch of bologna. Annie's Psychic Center was the sketchiest place I have ever been in this side of Federal. The joint was a one room rundown apartment converted into some sort of spiritual haven complete with a lovely curtain divider and every psychic's best friend- a microwave. I thought that Annie herself would be a little more eccentric, maybe wearing a brightly colored muu muu or at least a turban. Unfortunately there was none of that as Annie had just come from the gym to collect her thoughts and give me a special glimpse into my future.

All I did was write down my name and birthday and right off the bat I was handed a sentence of three years of bad luck. Note: all of you born in 1982, watch out for other vehicles on the road and drive with extra precaution. Those were some words of wisdom from this so called psychic. Funny, my drivers Ed instructor told me the same thing.

Annie then closed her eyes and fondled a white beaded bracelet which was more than likely purchased at the local Everyday. When she opened her eyes she went into this big long spiel about my love life. She tried to tell me that I am currently in a relationship. Wrong. Then she looked in the direction of "he said" and began this long winded shtick about how she thought that "he said" is really into me and wants a serious relationship with me, and how I should just give it time.

Annie wasted five of my ten minutes trying to convince me that "he said" and I are meant for each other. I mean, we do have the same lines when we make a fist and you all know what that means.

She continued on this relationship business and told me that I have already met the man I am going to marry. Okay, that has got to be a standard psychic line of bull. How many movies have you seen where psychics feed that line to women? They live for it. It was totally bogus. I am to marry late in life; to her this means twenty five. I was thinking late as in thirty-five. Also, I am to have at least one boy. Fifty- fifty chance that she's right on that one.

Oddly enough, "he said" is to have a boy as well.

Hmmmm, maybe those fist creases really do mean something. The best part of my experience was when she got all after school special on

me. Annie closed her eyes and thought deeply. Then she told me that in the future I will be at a party, will have drunken too much, and that I should watch out for a "wild and unclassy boy". Thanks, but my mom could have told me that free of charge.

The only thing that this outing was good for was a laugh. "He said" and I laughed the entire way home and then some, but I don't think we laughed twenty bucks worth.

Better ways to spend money

by Brian Niles

I never thought that I would refer to some kind of wizard as a resource for what my future may behold. I am not one to believe in the paranormal or crystal balls, and quite bluntly I think that all of that garbage is pathetic. This past week I visited Annie's psychic readings shop located just down the road on Lowell, and Annie provided me with an exhaustingly extended version of a fortune from a cookie.

When entering the seedy apartment which has been renovated into a magical lair, you realize how amateur this operation really is. A supernatural plastic table, located in the corner of her vestibule is the area where she interprets the future. She ask your full

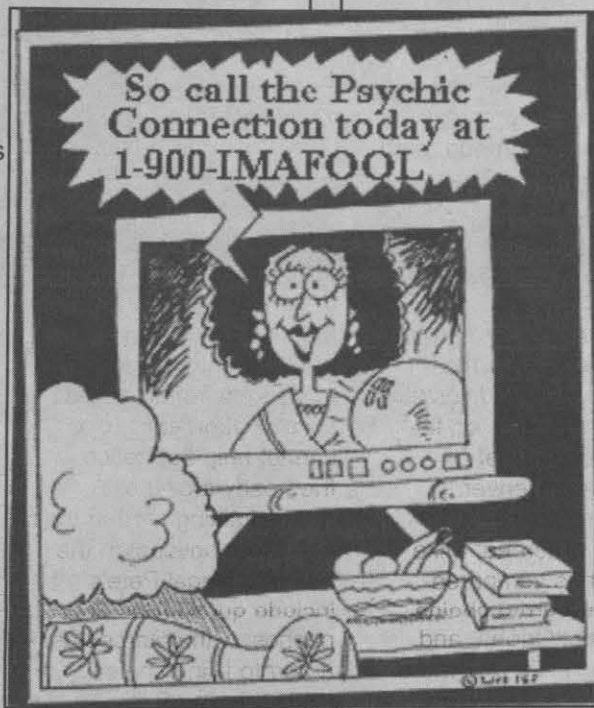
name and your birth date, writes them on a legal pad and then starts to contact somebody who tells her that the next three years of your life are going to suck. Since my sign was a dog, it automatically equates to being careful of red traffic lights, or watching out for other drivers. I have been driving a car for six years and I feel comfortable with my knowledge of what color light indicates the flow of traffic, yet Annie believed that she should reiterate these fairly obvious laws

of operating a vehicle.

For the next two awkward minutes she closed her eyes and started playing with her white bead bracelet. At this point into my reading I felt cheated and that she was just pondering the thought of what kind of frozen dinner she was going to microwave once she scammed her last customers of the day. She then erupted into a wild commentary about how "she said" and I were "meant" for each other, and how I shouldn't "pass" on the opportunity to create a more than a friend relationship with "she said". Evidently both of us have the same lines on our hands when our fists are clenched, which is understandably a clear indicator of compatible lust. "He said" and "She said" also had some other irrelevant similarity that ultimately means that we are the next Bobby and Whitney.

Psychic Annie also revealed that the only job that would be a success for me was to work in the industry of wood. I was rather confused when she said this because I have had fairly limited experience with the craft of carpentry. She then asked me what the title for an architect was and said that architecture was my calling. Clairvoyant Annie then explained that the reason that I would be a monumental architect was because of my strong math skills and a clear artistic vision. I agreed with her only to shut her up, she however did not know of my horrible mathematical skills.

Overall I would not suggest wasting your fifteen dollars on this nonsense, unless you want to con a girl into marriage, however a horse tranquilizer is far less expensive, and the comical Psychic Annie won't be the one closing her eyes.



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March Horoscopes

Aries

Mars and Venus
Invigorate your world with an amazing bit of passion and beauty. You can find yourself on the cutting edge of a new explosion of creativity. Just be you.

Taurus

You are in a perfect space at the perfect time to allow your dreams to manifest. There is a special quality and energy surrounding you at this time that could surprise those around you.

Gemini

You seem to be at a turning point. You may wonder which way is up but in reality it doesn't matter because you have the power to fly right now even if it is upside down. Enjoy the freedom that is

calling to you.

Cancer

Let the problems of the past roll off your back like water on a duck. You need to let others take their own problems and fix them. This could include family and friends and especially children.

Leo

Answers come from a distance. You may discover that what you thought was a problem is actually a solution to another issue. You have a choice to make.

Virgo

The ability to see through the intentions of others will be your guide at this time. You can make tremendous progress with a new project that is really an old dream that you had

put away. Lessons in relationships may come up that create more questions than answers.

Libra

Your sense of beauty comes more clear. You may want to find a new relationship or just be enjoying some new friendships. The reality of challenge becomes more apparent.

Scorpio

You are in the zone of good relationships and can expect some very positive responses from those in your world. At work, however, things may be a bit strained.

Sagittarius

Friends come along to validate your experiences. What appears to be a fantasy turns out to be

more of a reality than you had expected.

Capricorn

Reality check! Are you taking care of you? Perhaps the demands of life have conditioned you to listen to others rather than to you.

Aquarius

Time to consider your options. Changes in your home are speeding up and it is time for you to become more fluid on the river of time.

Pisces

You might as well start and enjoy life. New enterprises create challenges that are really little tests from the universe to see if you will follow your goals.

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February 23-March 15

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DATE	EVENT	TIME
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3/20	Baseball v. Mesa State	12 noon
3/20	Softball v. Fort Hays State	12, 2pm
3/21	Baseball v. Mesa State	12 noon
3/21	Softball v. Fort Hays State	11am, 1pm
3/25	Lacrosse v. Colorado College	4pm

Denver Events

DATE	EVENT
3/17	Fado's St. Paddy's Day Celebration
3/17	Celtic Tavern Stepdancers and music
3/17	Nallen's St. Paddy's Day Celebration
3/19	Denver's Heartbeak 100th Show
3/22-30	Registration
3/23	Take Back the Night March at Coors Life Center
3/26	Ryan Adams at the Fillmore

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